

Dreamacres Committee Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 16, 2006

Attendance

Karen Brock, Marius deBruyn, Mona Garde, Maggie Linton, Sharon O'Donnell, Daniele Schaad and Virginia Mullin

Absent

Cindy Bate, Helen Conlon, Suzanne Leclerc-Harwood, Tricia Schaefer, Kim Stangl & Jane Thompson

Contribution Count for this meeting

Meeting Hours	2 hrs x 6	12
Professional Meeting Hours	2 hrs x 2	4

Applications & Grants

Karen outlined possible 'opportunities-for-grant-applications' and current efforts as follows:

- Halton Learning Foundation – with a deadline of March 1/06 and a possibility of \$500 grant, we might qualify for their environmental studies section; further exploration and possible application may be made
- Halton Youth Award for Environmental Excellence – deadline of March 1/06, recognition for student environmental efforts of \$500 to \$800 – apply?
- Environment Canada/EcoAction Community Program – measurable benefits are needed to qualify and typically they don't fund schools, so this is probably not worth exploring further
- Tree Canada Foundation (IKEA) – deadline March 1/06, invites the greening of schoolyards with grants up to \$5K; we have the planning criteria in-place and will pursue 'tree-alley at end of soccer field" and/or 'sugar bush' proposals with application
- Evergreen – reconnecting with our contact there and have been advised we are #3 in the runner-up list;

Karen to follow-up and report at our next meeting.

Fundraising & Request for Donations

Direct Mail Request for Donations

Maggie discussed the need for a corporate-type letter for distribution to families and local businesses requesting donations, as corporate sponsors and friends/supporters of Dreamacres. Agreed that our target letter should have options for supporting various projects with appropriate donations. Some more discussion is needed to confirm the various options, appropriate recognition (memory stones, plaques, engraved stones etc) and confirmation of tax receipts. It was suggested that donations could start at \$500 for a tree; \$1500 for a bridge; \$2500 for an outdoor classroom (perhaps at the front of the school), \$5000 for a shade structure \$7500 for an irrigation system and \$10 000 for an outdoor amphitheatre.

Sharon to draft a letter for review at our next meeting.

Teacher Gift of Trees Donation

Discussed and agreed that it would be great to have an order form for Gifts of Trees for Teachers, in May's newsletter, in time, for end-of-school gifts.

Mona to prepare handout/newsletter for review at our next meeting.

Memory Stones

All orders are to be collected, handed-in and engraving to be 'ordered'.

Virginia to confirm any new orders, ASAP.

Dig-In & Earth Week Activities

In preparation for the upcoming "Dig-In", May 4th, we'll meet on April 6 and 27th. Hopefully, we can assist in organizing some school activities surrounding Earth Day on April 22nd, Arbour Week April 28th to May 7th and International School Grounds Day (events are held worldwide to mark the importance of green school grounds) on May 1st.

Next Meetings & Important Dates

Thursday, April 6 th	Dreamacres Committee Mtg	school library @ 7pm
Thursday, April 27 th	Dreamacres Committee Mtg	school library @ 7pm
Saturday, April 22 nd	Earth Day	
April 28 th to May 7 th	Arbour Week	
May 1 st	International School Grounds Day	
Thursday, May 4 th	Annual Dreamacres "Dig-In"	schoolyard, after school

"Dreamacres – L'essentiel est invisible pour les yeux"

Contribution Summary – Winter 2006

description	calc for this mtg	mtg totals	total hrs to date
Meeting Hours	12	12.....	30
Maggie Linton	2	2.....	4 ½
Dig-In Volunteer	0 hrs x no of volunteers	0	
Woodchips & Fence Repair Jan/06	2 ½ hrs x 1	2 ½.....	2 ½
Grant Application Jan & Feb/06	2	2.....	8
Professional Meeting Hours (Marius hrs)	2	2.....	4 ½
Dig-In Professional Hours	0 hrs x 0	0.....	0
Man Hours (in kind: i.e. accounting, newsletters etc)	6		6